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**Patricia Head Minaldi**

District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958  
 Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD  
 Began Service: June 16, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans (1983-1986); Assistant Attorney General, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (1986-1996)

**Judicial:** Judge, 14th Judicial District of Louisiana (1996-2003)

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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**Elizabeth Erny Foote**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
 Education: LSU (Alexandria) 1974 BA; Duke 1975 MA;  
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 Began Service: September 10, 2010  
 Appointed By: President Barack Obama

**Staff**

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 Term Expires: 2011  
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**Richard T. Haik, Sr.**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
 Education: Southwestern Louisiana 1971 BS;  
 Loyola U (New Orleans) 1975 JD  
 Began Service: June 14, 1991  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court (1984-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Haik & Broussard (1975-1979); Partner, Haik, Broussard & Haik (1979-1981); Partner, Haik, Haik & Minvielle (1981-1984); Partner, Verret Partnership (1982-1985)

**Military Service:** Louisiana National Guard (1971-1978); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1978-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Iberia Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bench Bar Committee, Louisiana State Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Donald E. Walter**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
 Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD  
 Began Service: July 15, 1985  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Cavanaugh, Brame, Holt & Woodley (1964-1966); Attorney, Holt & Woodley (1966-1969); Attorney, Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow (1978-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1957-1958)

**Staff**

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**James T. Trimble, Jr.**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
 Education: LSU 1955 BA, 1956 JD  
 Began Service: September 12, 1991  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1986-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1991-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Gist, Murchison, & Gist (1959-1978); Attorney, Trimble, Percy, Smith, Wilson, Foote, Walker & Honeycutt (1979-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1956-1959)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Tom Stagg**

Senior Judge

Note: U.S. District Judge Tom Stagg assumed Senior Status on February 29, 1992.

Date of Birth: 1923  
 Education: LSU 1943 BA, 1949 JD  
 Began Service: April 1974  
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Tucker L. Melancon**

Senior Judge

Note: U.S. District Judge Tom Stagg assumed Senior Status on February 29, 1992.

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: LSU 1968 BS; Tulane 1973 JD  
 Began Service: 2009

**Current Memberships:** The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge James D. Kirk**

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**James D. Kirk**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
 Education: LSU 1972 BS, 1975 JD  
 Began Service: December 15, 1997  
 Term Expires: December 2013  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William A. Culpepper, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit (1975-1976)

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Natchitoches Parish, State of Louisiana (1979-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner, James D. Kirk, A Professional Law Corporation (1996-1997)

**Current Memberships:** The American Inns of Court; Louisiana State Bar Association

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**C. Michael Hill**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
 Education: LSU 1976 JD  
 Began Service: July 30, 2001  
 Term Expires: July 30, 2017  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Staff, Paul M. Hebert Law Center (1976-1977)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney (1977-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1982-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The John M. Duhe, Jr. American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Lafayette Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

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